

**Claim Amendment Summary****Claims pending**

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-66.
- After this Response: Claims 1-7, 15-19, 64 and 65.

**Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** 8-14, 20-62, 63, and 66.

**Amended claims:** none.

**New claims:** none.

**Claims:**

1. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented method for hashing a body of text, the method comprising:

obtaining a body of text;

deriving a hash value representative of content of the body of text, perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially independent of each other.

2. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein perceptually distinct bodies of text have hash values that are independent of each other.

3. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such values match.

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1 4. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1 further  
2 comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such  
3 values substantially match.

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5 5. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 4 further  
6 comprising indicating whether such values substantially match.

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8 6. (ORIGINAL) A computer comprising one or more computer-  
9 readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by  
10 the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 1.

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12 7. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable medium having computer-  
13 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method  
14 as recited in claim 1.

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16 Claims 8-14 are CANCELED.

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18 15. (ORIGINAL) A computer-implemented method for hashing a  
19 body of text, the method comprising:

20 obtaining a body of text;

21 deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually  
22 similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

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1           **16. (ORIGINAL)**           A method as recited in claim 15 further  
2 comprising comparing hash value of a body of text to determine if such value is  
3 proximally near hash values of a group of bodies of text having proximally  
4 clustered hash values.

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6           **17. (ORIGINAL)**           A method as recited in claim 16 further  
7 comprising grouping the body of text with the group of bodies of text if the hash  
8 value of such body is proximally near the values of the group.

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10          **18. (ORIGINAL)**          A computer comprising one or more computer-  
11 readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by  
12 the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 16.

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14          **19. (ORIGINAL)**          A computer-readable medium having computer-  
15 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method  
16 as recited in claim 16.

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18           Claims 20-63 are CANCELED.

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20          **64. (ORIGINAL)**          A computer-readable medium having computer-  
21 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method  
22 comprising:

23           obtaining a body of text;  
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1 deriving a hash value representative of content of the body of text,  
2 perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially  
3 independent of each other.

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5 65. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable medium having computer-  
6 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method  
7 comprising:

8 obtaining a body of text;  
9 deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually  
10 similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

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12 66. (CANCELED)  
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